

October 26, 2009 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 5:05 P.M.

Vice Chairman Richard Cambra, Presiding

Councillor Frank A. Bozyan

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Absent

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia

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Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2, 42-26-4. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:

Meeting with the Planning Board, re: Wind Turbine Ordinance and matters related thereto

Said meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Christopher T. Semonelli,

President

Middletown Town Council

CC:

Town Council

Town Solicitor

Town Administrator
Public Library

This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

On motion of Councillor Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

Present representing the Planning Board were Chairman Arthur S. Weber, and Members Richard P. Adams, Francis A. Forgue, Gladys B. Levine and Audrey E. Rearick.

Present also were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Town Planner

Ronald Wolanski, Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller and Attorney Roland Chase.

Discussion centered around revisions to the draft Wind Turbine Ordinance, the proposals were to consider deleting Section 25A04.A which exempts roof-mounted and some small tower turbines from design standards, a requirement of a special use permit for all wind turbine development and prohibiting tower-mounted turbines and roof-mounted turbines more than 15 feet above roof height within R-10 and R-20 zoning districts. Also, there was discussion concerning esthetics to the Town landscape, it was determined that there are no standards for the Planning Board to follow to recommend areas within the Town to be exempt from wind turbines being constructed.

The Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller was requested to revise the draft Wind Turbine Ordinance to include the above revisions. The Planning Board will review the ordinance at its November 12, 2009 meeting.

On motion of Councillor Bozyan, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 5:38 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

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